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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA
(37-34N 061-47E)
MARY, TURKMENSKAYA SSR, USSR
TURKESTAN MD

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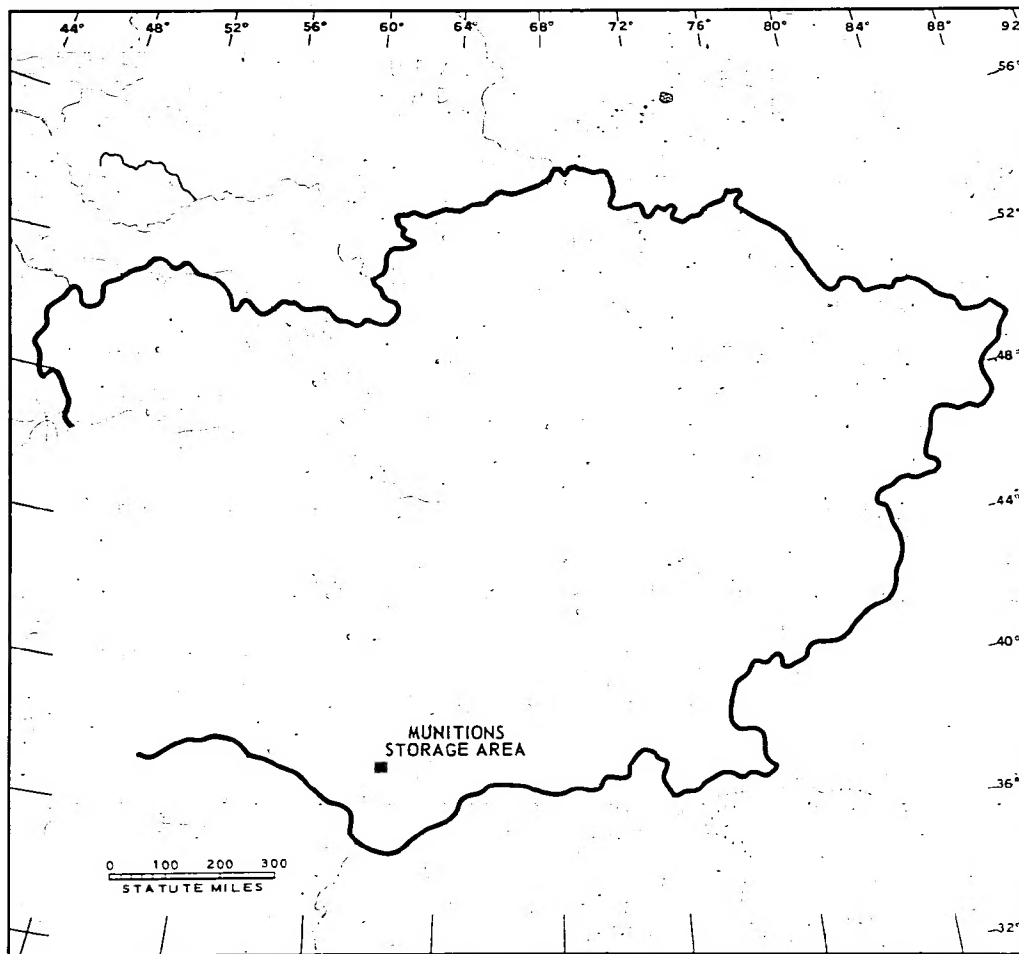


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA.

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SUMMARY

A munitions storage area approximately 3 kilometers (km) southwest of Mary consists of an administration area, a probable small-arms ammunition storage area, and 2 military explosives storage areas (Figure 1).

The area is completely secured by a wire fence with security posts at all entrances. It covers approximately 85 acres and contains 3 administration buildings, 1 administration building/barracks, 2 barracks, 20 support buildings, 1 vehicle maintenance/storage building, 1 probable messhall, 3 guard buildings, 14 probable ammunition storage buildings, 8 drive-through, bunkered, explosives storage buildings (1 under construction), 2 earth-covered drive-in explosives storage bunkers, 1 earth-covered ammunition storage bunker, and 5 concrete bunkers

under construction. A large storage building for building materials is within the construction area (Figures 2 and 3).

The storage area probably supports ground and air units at Mary, with a Soviet army unit probably providing the administrative support and command. A tank driver-training area approximately 10 km southwest of the storage area suggests that the installation may support an armored unit at Mary.

The area is covered on TALENT and KEYHOLE missions of interpretable photography between [REDACTED]. Comparative analysis reveals that 5 concrete bunkers are presently under construction. A military explosives storage area in the southeastern corner has been constructed since [REDACTED]

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

Off-loading docks are located on a spur line 5 km north of the storage site.

Road Service

The area is served by a secondary road from Mary.

Aircraft Landing Strip

The nearest supported facility is Mary Civil Airfield, approximately 5 km northwest of the installation.

Administration and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains 2 barracks, 1 administration building/barracks, 3 administration buildings, 4 support buildings, 1 probable messhall, and an exercise area.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1 contains fourteen 95- by 40-foot probable ammunition storage buildings, 14 support buildings, 1 probable guard building, five 95- by 50-foot concrete bunkers under construction, and 1 large support building. A security fence encloses the storage area.

Area F2 is double fenced and contains eight 95- by 50-foot drive-through, semiburied, explosives storage buildings (1 under construction), 4 storage buildings, and 2 probable guard buildings.

Area F3 is walled and contains 3 earth-covered, drive-in, bunkered storage buildings, one 215 by 95 feet and two 125 by 95 feet and 1 small support building.

Other Buildings

A few small sheds are located in Area D.

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Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains 1 vehicle maintenance storage building, 150 by 40 feet. Approximately 50 unidentified vehicles (some probably weapons carriers) were parked in this area on [REDACTED] coverage.

Driver-Training Area

A driver-training area is approximately 12 km southwest of the installation.

Unidentified Facilities or Track Activity

Area T, an unidentified facility adjacent to and south of Area D, contains 6 earth-covered oblong objects in a row and 1 support building. It may be a small-arms firing range.

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